10 Leading Causes of Injury Deaths by Age Groups, North Carolina: 2025

Unintentional Injury | Assault | Self-Inflicted | Undetermined Intent

Rank	<1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages
1	Suffocation - Unintent. 19	Drowning - Unintent. 13	MVT - Unintent. 30	MVT - Unintent. 253	Poisoning - Unintent. 1,174	Poisoning - Unintent. 984	Fall - Unintent. 1,896	Poisoning - Unintent. 2,450
2	Suffocation - Undetermined 6	MVT - Unintent. 10	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 12	Firearm - Assault 176	MVT - Unintent. 473	MVT - Unintent. 400	MVT - Unintent. 361	Fall - Unintent. 2,071
3	MVT - Unintent. 3	Suffocation - Unintent. 5	Drowning - Unintent. 11	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 137	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 331	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 352	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 313	MVT - Unintent. 1,530
4	Poisoning - Unintent. 2	Unspecified - Assault 5	Firearm - Assault 8	Poisoning - Unintent. 98	Firearm - Assault 259	Fall - Unintent. 146	Poisoning - Unintent. 187	Firearm - Self-Inflicted 1,145
5	Unspecified - Assault 2	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 3	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 8	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 56	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 122	Firearm - Assault 122	Suffocation - Unintent. 171	Firearm - Assault 590
6	Nat/Env - Unintent. 1	Poisoning - Undetermined 3	Other Trans - Unintent. 6	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 14	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 43	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 73	Unspecified - Unintent. 108	Suffocation - Self-Inflicted 281
7	Other-NEC - Assault 1	Firearm - Unintent. 2	Suffocation - Unintent. 5	Drowning - Unintent. 13	Drowning - Unintent. 32	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 59	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 88	Suffocation - Unintent. 266
8	Poisoning - Undetermined 1	Pedestrian - Unintent. 2	Firearm - Unintent. 4	Cut/Pierce - Assault 12	Fall - Unintent. 24	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 50	Other-NEC - Unintent. 41	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 162
9		Poisoning - Assault 2	Poisoning - Unintent. 3	Firearm - Unintent. 11	Cut/Pierce - Assault 19	Suffocation - Unintent. 49	Drowning - Unintent. 36	Unspecified - Unintent. 147
10		Poisoning - Unintent. 2	Struck - Unintent. 3	Firearm - Undetermined 10	Fire/Burn - Unintent. 16	Drowning - Unintent. 31	Nat/Env - Unintent. 32	Poisoning - Self-Inflicted 143

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NEC=Not Elsewhere Classifiable; MV=Motor Vehicle; MVT=Motor Vehicle Traffic; Nat/Env=Natural/Environmental
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